(c) Bokaro is not a Secondary Switching Area, therefore, an independent Telecom District cannot be established there.

Inflated telephone bills in Bihar

31. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of subscribers in Dhanbad Telecommunication Distt. in Birar, who have sent their complaints for Inflated telephone bills during the last three years;

(b) whether those bills have since been corrected, if so what are the year wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Telecommunication Zone Patna (Bihar) has issued directive to each G.M. and to Divisional Engineer, Dhanbad to correct the telephone bills, and

(d) if so, the reasons for which these orders have not been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The required information has been called for and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sanction of telephones from Ministerial quota

32. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of telephone connections sanctioned by Government from the Ministerial quota in various States, State-wise during the period 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): 15,361 telephone connections were sanctioned from the Ministerial quota during 01.04.1994—31.01.1995. The State-wise information is gives in the annexed Statement.

Statement

Total number of telephone connections sanctioned from the ministerial Quota during Ist April 94—31st January, 1995.

Sl.No.	Name of State	No. of telephpnes sanctioned.
1	Andhra Pradesh	561
2	Assam	73
3	Bihar	86
4	Gujarat	314
5	Jammu & Kashmir	113
6	Kerala	685
7	Karnataka	283
8	Madhya Pradesh	155
9	Maharashtra (355+138) (MHA) (BY)	493
10	Orissa	41
11	Haryana	728

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of telephone sanctioned
12	Himachal Pradesh	3703
13	Punjab	1510
14	Rajasthan	319
15	North Eastern	55
16	Tamil Nadu (592+632) (TN) (MS)	1224
17	Uttar Pradesh	518
18	West Bengal (23+57) (WB) (CAL)	80
19	New Delhi	4420
	TOTAL :	15361

Instalation of telephones recommended by M.Ps.

33. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many telephone connections as recommended by members of Parliament were installed after one month from the date of sanction during 1994; and

(b) what action has been taken against the officials in cases where telephone connections were delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone exchange in Hazaribagh (Bihar)

34. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Telephone Exchange was installed in Hazaribagh (Bihar) in the past as a cost of rupees eight crore and that Telephone Exchange was destroyed in fire;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to instal new Telephone Exchange for Hazaribagh (Bihar) and

(c) whether Government had instituted any enquiry into the cause of fire; if so, those found responsible for this fire?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir The cost of equipment was Rs. 1.43 Crore approximately.

(b) A new 3000 lines C. DOT exchange is planned to be installed at Hazaribagh (Bihar) and purchase order for the equipment has already been placed on M/s. Punjab Communications Ltd. (PCL).

(c) Yes, Sir. The fire was caused by electrical short circuit.

Post offices without telegraph facilities

35. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased ot state:

(a) the number of Post Offices which do not have telegraph offices in Tehsil Garshankar of Hoshiarpur District of Punjab and the reasons therefor;